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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes MPSSAA December 6, 2017

1. Mr. Kevin Hook called the meeting to order welcomed everyone, and congratulated winners of state championships. Mr. Andrew Warner reported that 54 of 58 voting members were present; qualifying a quorum to conduct business for the association. Mr. Hook requested a motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2017.

Mr. Eric Michael motioned for approval and Dr. Andrew Roper seconded. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

2. Mr. Warner thanked Ms. Robin McCue from Montgomery County for taking minutes for the meeting. Ms. Cheryl Wells, MPSSAA administrative assistant, has been out on extended medical leave.
3. Mr. Warner reviewed the MPSSAA 2017 Fall Financial Report (copies provided). Mr. Warner thanked Mr. Jason Bursick for his work on the report and the membership and their staff for their help in providing the information to report to the membership. He reviewed the preliminary 2017 fall financial report which included Cross Country, Golf, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Soccer, and Football. Mr. Warner noted that the football region tournament numbers were a lower this fall due to the new classification cycle. Mr. Warner reiterated that the fall 2017 Financial Report numbers were very preliminary as not all expenses and reimbursements have been paid as state championships just ended last weekend.

No questions followed – Ms. Jeannie Prevosto motioned for approval and Mr. Mike Sye seconded. The reports were unanimously accepted.

Old Business

A. Fall Tournaments

- **Golf** – Mr. Eric Michael presented the Golf Committee Report. The 2017 MPSSAA Golf Championship was once again held at the University of Maryland Golf Course in College Park, Maryland. The tournament committee would like to thank the University of Maryland Golf Course's Head Golf Pro, Jeff Maynor and his staff, and the golf coaches from participating high schools. A special thanks was extended to Jon Browne who handles the scoring, and to Phelps Prescott for directing the tournament and securing USGA officials for the event. Thanks also were given to the MPSSAA staff, Andy, Donnee and Jason for their guidance leadership and support. 163 student-athletes participated in the 2017 MPSSAA Golf championship.

Team and Individual Champions were announced – all are included in the Golf Committee's report.

- **Cross Country** – Mr. Mike Sye presented the Cross Country Committee Report. The 2017 Cross Country Championships were held at Hereford High in Parkton, Maryland, and were a success. Thanks were given to the following: the MPSSAA staff, Morgan Lisby from M&D Timing, John Roemer, Hereford High School Site Director, Steve Smith, Head Official and Michael Kalisz, Athletic Director at Hereford High School. It was noted that the 2017 Cross Country Championship was a record setting meet. First it was 26 degrees at the start of the first race and second, three runners had times that put them in the top 10 of the all-time best times in state history. 1,502 student-athletes participated in the 2017 MPSSAA Cross Country Championship, which is up from 1436 participants last year. Champions were announced, and are included along with the finalists on the MPSSAA Cross County Committee Report.
- **Field Hockey** – Phyllis Hemmes presented the following Field Hockey Report. Thanks were given to the athletic directors at Paint Branch and Broadneck high schools for hosting the semi-finals, to Melba and Milly for their help at Paint Branch High School, to the Washington College field hockey coach team for preparing the site, and to the MPSSAA staff for their support. A special thanks was given to Jill Masterman for the information she provides regarding the tournament on the MPSSAA website. Champions were announced, and are included on the MPSSAA Field Hockey Committee Report. 2018 dates were announced, and are also included on the Field Hockey Committee Report.
- **Soccer**. – Ms. Marianne Shultz presented the Boys' and Girls' Soccer Committee Report. The 2017 Soccer Championship Tournaments were held at Loyola University for the fourth year. Thanks were given to Teddi Burns from Loyola University for her leadership and support, and to the following schools for hosting semi-finals: Linganore, Northeast, Dr. Henry Wise, and River Hill high schools. Special thanks were given to committee members for their tireless efforts to provide the very best for soccer in Maryland. Champions were announced and are included on the Soccer Committee Report. It was noted that the Sparrow's Point girls' team won their 5th consecutive state title!
- **Volleyball** – Ms. Sybil Kessinger presented the Volleyball Committee Report. The 43rd annual State volleyball tournament was held at Ritchie Coliseum on the University of Maryland campus. Special thanks was given to the wonderful staff at the University of Maryland. With the help of the committee, they hosted four nights of semi-finals and an all-day finals event with great success. It was noted that Smithsburg has won four consecutive state championships and 13 state championships overall; and that their coach, Rachel Brashear, is the winningest coach in state volleyball history. Ticket sales were up this year. Semifinal and Final Champions results were announced, and are also available on the Volleyball Committee Report.
- **Football** – Mr. Mike Calhoun presented the Football Committee Report. The MPSSAA Football Tournament was held at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland for the second year. Appreciation was expressed to the Naval Academy for their support. Thanks were given to the many workers and volunteers, and to Ryan Hines, site director, who ensured that the event ran smoothly. All four games were broadcasted live by Sinclair. It was noted that all games were competitive and well attended. The Sportsmanship award went to Dr. Henry A. Wise High School and was presented to Jason Gordon, athletic director.

A motion was made for approval of the committee reports; Mr. Michael Duffy motioned for approval and Mr. Steve Lee seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously accepted.

B. Student Leadership Conference

Mr. Michael Duffy presented the report. The 8th annual Student Athlete Leadership Conference was held June 10th at Howard High School. 310 student-athletes attended the conference. Special thanks was given to Mr. Duffy and the staff at Howard HS for hosting the event and to the committee members for making the conference a success. Ms. Kathy Buckley, keynote speaker, inspired and motivated the attendees. The 2018 Student Leadership Conference will be held June 9th at Howard High School. Last year, the community outreach program was able to send 110 packages of school supplies to title one elementary schools. The community outreach program will continue in 2018 for the third year.

C. Marketing/Sponsorship XC/IT/TF/Lacrosse

Ms. Jill Masterman presented the report on Marketing/Sponsorship. She shared that the MPSSAA operates solely on gates and sponsorships (no tax dollars). The MPSSAA is grateful for all corporate partners. Sponsorships help offset the expenses of running tournaments such as the purchasing of game balls, tournament worker attire, etc. The MPSSAA was able to renew the corporate sponsorship with American Dairy Northeast for a full year – last year’s contract was for a partial year. In June 2018, the process to renew the contract with American Dairy for the following school year. Longstretch Sporting Goods, MPSSAA Field Hockey Sponsor, and long-time supporter (one of the first state sponsorships) is small but helps to defray expenses. The MPSSAA has started the process to extend their contract for 2019–2023. Unfortunately, the sponsorship with Brooks, sponsor of Cross Country, Indoor Track and Spring Track, is up in the air for the remaining of the school year and next couple of years. They have approached the MPSSAA regarding stepping out of their contract. Updates will be provided as information becomes available. Next up for renewal will be Softball, Soccer. Softball will begin getting proposals this spring, followed by Soccer which will begin the renewal process next fall.

D. Coaches’ Leadership Conference

Mr. Earl Hawkins announced that this year’s conference will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Howard High School; the same day as the student leadership conference. Information will be forthcoming.

New Business

A. MPSSAA Updates

Mr. Andy Warner announced that districts who hadn’t received their spring rules books could pick them up. Also available for pick up: winter bulletins, state handbooks, and past tournament gear.

Mr. Andy Warner provided an update on the Fall Practice date. The fall practice date was originally discussed at Executive Council in August. Members were directed to get feedback from districts, and the group reconvened in October to discuss the feedback. At this time, the decision has been made to leave the first practice and first play date as they are, and to wait and see what happens over the next few years. August 8 is the first available practice date. It was noted that the decision regarding pushing the start date back is up to each district. Also noted, if the decision to start later than August 8 is made – then first play date is 20 calendar days later. Mr. Warner emphasized, if your district wants to play a 10 game football schedule, the first practice date can be no later than Saturday August 11, as the first football games are the Friday Labor Day weekend. If your district starts later than August 11, you would be relegated to a nine game football season. On page 45 of the MPSSAA Handbook the future years practice dates are listed. Please take notice, next year, the first play date is the Friday after Labor Day. Two out of the seven years, the first play date will be the Friday after Labor Day.

Projected State Tournament Dates - 2017-2025
 (All dates are tentative and subject to change)

Fall Sports Championships			
Practice Start Dates	Golf	Field Hockey	Volleyball
2017 - Wed. August 9	2017 - October 23-25	2017 - November 11	2017 - November 18
2018 - Wed. August 8	2018 - October 22-24	2018 - November 10	2018 - November 17
2019 - Wed. August 14	2019 - October 28-30	2019 - November 9	2019 - November 16
2020 - Wed. August 12	2020 - October 26-28	2020 - November 14	2020 - November 21
2021 - Wed. August 11	2021 - October 25-27	2021 - November 13	2021 - November 20
2022 - Wed. August 10	2022 - October 24-26	2022 - November 12	2022 - November 19
2023 - Wed. August 9	2023 - October 23-25	2023 - November 11	2023 - November 18
2024 - Wed. August 14	2024 - October 28-30	2024 - November 9	2024 - November 16
First Play Dates	Cross Country	Soccer	Football
2017 - Fri. September 1	2017 - November 11	2017 - November 16-18	2017 - Nov. 30/Dec. 2
2018 - Fri. August 31	2018 - November 10	2018 - November 15-17	2018 - Nov. 29/Dec. 1
2019 - Fri. September 6	2019 - November 9	2019 - November 14-16	2019 - December 5-7
2020 - Fri. September 4	2020 - November 14	2020 - November 19-21	2020 - December 3-5
2021 - Fri. September 3	2021 - November 13	2021 - November 18-20	2021 - December 2-4
2022 - Fri. September 2	2022 - November 12	2022 - November 17-19	2022 - December 1-3
2023 - Fri. September 1	2023 - November 11	2023 - November 16-18	2023 - Nov. 30-Dec. 2
2024 - Fri. September 6	2024 - November 9	2024 - November 14-16	2024 - December 5-7

Mr. Warner formally expressed congratulations to Mr. Ron Belinko, long time MPSSAA representative, Board of Control committee chair, former President of the MPSSAA, former Coordinator of Athletics for Baltimore County for being inducted into NIAAA hall of fame. Ms. Jill Masterman, will represent the MPSSAA office at Mr. Belinko’s induction.

B. Election of New Officers

Mr. Kevin Hook presented the Nominating Committee recommendations:

2018–2020 President: Ms. Dana Johnson, Athletic Director, Dunbar High School
 Ms. Tiffany Byrd motioned for approval, Mr. Stosh Schtierman, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. The motion carries.

2018–2020 President Elect: Mr. Michael Duffy, Athletic Director, Howard High School
 Mr. John Davis motioned for approval, Dr. Andrew Roper, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. The motion carries.

C. Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Mr. Kevin Hook presented the Classification committee’s amendment to regulation 13A.06.03.06 (provided to all members). The historical perspective of the Classification Rules was provided, along with the editorial changes which would allow the Board of Control to adapt to the changing educational environment in order to maintain parity and equity within each administered sport of the MPSSAA. This came to the Board of Control through the classification committee and the Executive Council – both voted in favor of the new language unanimously.

No questions followed. Mr. Earl Hawkins motioned for approval, Mr. Clayton Culp, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. The motion carries.

D. Winter Tournaments

- **Basketball** – Ms. Lynette Mitzel provided the Board with a listing of upcoming Basketball tournaments for boys and girls on March 8–10, 2018. Boys at College Park, Girls at Towson University. Yellow laminated rules modifications were provided (to supervisors).

- **Indoor Track** – Mr. Joe Sargent provided information from the Indoor Track Committee. The State Championships will be on February 19, 2018 (1A/2A) and February 20, 2018 (3A/4A) at the Prince Georges Sportsplex. Regional tournament information was provided. Seeding meetings at Milford Mill to occur on February 17, 2018; entries are online through MileSplit. Asking that all student-athletes, managers and coaches be entered (into MileSplit) at the beginning of the season. It was noted that a change was made in the scratch or substitution deadline – changes can be made four calendar days prior to the state meet. Rule changes take place Spring 2018. Lastly, students may not compete as a representative of their school in any event that is not part of the state championship series after the date of the first statewide region meet.
- **Swimming and Diving** – Mr. Kevin Kendro announced that he would be taking over as the head of the Swimming and Diving Committee. He thanked Earl Hawkins for his years of service. The Diving Competition will take place Friday, February 23, Swimming Competition on Saturday, February 24, at the University of Maryland. Mr. Clayton Culp and Mr. Kevin Kendro are planning to meet with Maryland Swimming due to conflict with state meet. Points of emphasis from Winter Bulletin– photography prohibited from behind blocks (cell phones included), electronic audio devices are banned from use during meets, and do not include date of birth when entering your team into MPSSAA Swimming Championships Entry Page, and regarding uniform rules - teams can have different suits, but all caps must be the same.
- **Wrestling** – Mr. Brian Layman reported that there will be four classifications for Dual Meet Wrestling State Championships and they will be held on February 10, 2018 at North Point High School. The Individual State Championship will be held at the Showplace Arena in Upper Marlboro for the third year on March 2–3, 2018 for the individual state wrestling tournament. Rule Changes – two piece uniforms have been approved and new interpretation for back point criteria and pins when shoulders are out of the circle.

E. Medical Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Warner reported that Dr. Kevin Crutchfield has assumed the chair of the Medical Advisory Committee. Dr. Yvette Rooks has stepped down as the chair of the committee as she has moved to New Jersey and will be working with Rutgers University. She plans to continue to attend advisory committee meetings as she will return to Maryland regularly. The committee is working on an updated concussion form, designed to give more information to medical provider regarding the concussion/suspected concussion once it leaves the parent/student-athlete. The committee is also working on a Care and Prevention refresher course that can be provided online. Included will be some of the interpretation language discussed in the January meeting. The goal is to have it to schools by the end of the school year.

F. Spring Tournaments Proposals

- **Baseball** – Mr. Jason Woodward thanked his committee for all of their hard work and for putting up with a three hour rain delay to finish the game. He congratulated the 2017 state champions. The 2018 State Tournament will be at Aberdeen, the state ball will be Wilson. One Bulletin Change: Sophomore pitch count has changed from 95 to 105 maximum. More sophomores are playing varsity baseball. The advisory committee approved the change. March 21 first play date.

- **Softball** – Ms. Lynn Pitonzo thanked all committee participants and congratulated the 2017 state championship winners of last year’s events. Thanks were given to Anne Arundel County and in particular Bachman Park, University of Maryland, the Orioles and Nationals for hosting our champions. The 2018 State Tournaments will be held as follows: Bachman Softball Park, Glen Burnie for Semifinals and University of Maryland, College Park-Softball Complex for Finals. Rule Changes: intentional walks are permitted, and equipment is the coaches’ responsibility (not the umpires.)
- **Lacrosse** – Mr. Ken Zorbach thanked the committee and regional directors for their participation. Thanks to all of the sites, in particular the semi-final sites – for working with the committee to get all of the games in after numerous weather/lightning delays. He congratulated the 2017 state championship winners and announced Sportsmanship Awards. The last playdate for seeding is May 8. Also noted, this year there will four classifications, and four champions for the first time. Rules changes were provided.
- **Tennis** – Ms. Jean Vanderpool thanked the tennis committee and the staff from the Wilde Lake Tennis Center. The State Tournament site will be Wilde Lake Tennis Center in Columbia, Maryland for the second year. She congratulated all of the 2017 state championship winners. Major changes are coming in 2019 – separate 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A tournaments, and going to a team championship with points.
- **Track & Field** – Ms. Beth Shook was not in attendance, Mr. Jason Bursick reported that 6053 boys were entered in regional tournaments, and 1220 were state qualifiers and 5240 girls were entered in regional tournaments, and 1160 were state qualifiers. He thanked the committee members, the officiating staff and the staff at Morgan State. He congratulated the 2017 state championship winners.

Mr. Clayton Culp motioned for approval of both the Winter and Spring Tournament Proposal reports; Mr. Jeff Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

G. Vote for Approval

Mr. Kevin Hook sought to adjourn the meeting – Mr. Tye Mills motioned for adjournment, Mr. Clayton Culp seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.